

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Spring 2008

Spring Election

The spring election is on Tuesday, April 1. The ballot includes races for several judges, county supervisor, school board, mayor, and alderpersons.



Polls are open from 7 AM – 8 PM on Election Day. Call the city clerk's office at 479-8921 if you are not sure of your voting location. If you are not registered to vote in Wauwatosa, you may register at the polls on Election Day. Bring along proof of residence showing your name and current Wauwatosa address. You must be a U.S. citizen, a Wauwatosa resident for at least 10 days, and at least 18 years of age on Election Day in order to vote.

Prior to an election, you may register to vote at the city clerk's office Monday – Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM, and until three weeks before an election, at the city library Monday – Thursday evenings.

You may also register to vote by mail until March 12. Voter registration forms may be downloaded via a link from the city website (www.wauwatosa.net) to the Wisconsin Elections Board website. The city clerk portion of the website contains complete information about voter registration and voting by absentee ballot.

Registered voters who need to vote by absentee ballot may do so by sending a written request for an absentee ballot to the city clerk's office, 7725 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. The request must be signed by each voter requesting a ballot; include the date of the election, the Wauwatosa home address and the address to which the ballot should be mailed if different. You cannot vote by absentee ballot if you are not registered to vote in Wauwatosa. Please be aware that voting by absentee ballot costs the city more money than does voting in person on Election Day.

Holiday Refuse Collection

Recyclables and trash will not be collected on Good Friday, March 21. That Friday's collection will be on Thursday, March 20. There is no collection on May 26, Memorial Day. That Monday's collection will be done the day after the holiday on Tuesday, May 27.

Yard Material Collection

Brush, branches, and leaves are picked up at the curb or alley and recycled. The "A" schedule yard material collection begins Monday, April 14 and the "B" schedule begins Monday, April 21. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Spring Leaf Collection

A leaf rake-out is scheduled from Saturday, March 22—Sunday, March 30. *Do not place brush, branches, or any other debris into the leaf piles and do not rake out after March 30.*



Collection will begin in the eastern portion of Wauwatosa where it was not completed last fall. After March 30 leaves should be put in paper yard waste bags and placed at the curb. The bags will be collected when the yard waste collection program begins the week of April 14. Residents may also bring the bags to the public works drop-off center located at 11100 W. Walnut Rd. any Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

*For the Latest Recycling Information,
Including Service Complaints,
Read & Save the 2008
Recycling, Yard Waste & Garbage Guide
Inside this Newsletter*

Mayor Theresa M. Estness Phone: 479-8915
 Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

First District

George P. Becker 771-2606
 Peter Donegan 259-8973

Second District

James J. Krol 453-2904
 Eric B. Meaux 258-1407

Third District

Tim Hanson 303-3521
 R. Jeffrey Krill 771-0907

Fourth District

Jill Didier 259-1484
 Bernard J. Grimm 774-1299

Fifth District

Jerome Stepaniak 258-0709
 Paul Minear 731-5153

Sixth District

Brian Ewerdt 475-9658
 Thomas Herzog 257-9132

Seventh District

Donald F. Birschel 476-5971
 Atis Purins 476-2468

Eighth District

Craig S. Maher 462-3738
 Tom H. Treis 462-3737

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM
 Friday and Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM
 Sunday, 1-4 PM through May 4 (Closed on Sundays from May 11 throughout the summer)
 Closed Friday, March 21; Sunday, March 23; and May 24—26.
 Overdue fines, renewals 414-471-8484
 Reference and adult services 414-471-8485
 Children's services 414-471-8486
 Administration, Room Reservations 414-471-8487
 Email: tosa.mail@mcfls.org
 Website: http://tpublib.fp.execpc.com

Children's Library Events



Little Red's Most Unusual Day (Florentine Opera Company) for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Saturday, March 1, 1:30—2:15 PM. Held in the Civic Center auditorium. *Register in person or by phone.*

After School Adventure Party Fridays, March 7 and April 4, 3:45—4:30 PM. For students in grades 1 through 6. Held in the children's story room. *Register in person or by phone.*

Parochial Elementary School Art Show on display from Tuesday, March 11—Friday, March 28.

Public Elementary School Art Show on display from Wednesday, April 9—Thursday, May 1.

Annual Review of New Children's Books for adults only, Saturday, April 12, 10:00—11:30 AM. *Register in person or by phone.*

Check the library website or pick up a monthly events calendar for dates and times for pre-school story times.

Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 12 9 AM—5 PM

Sunday, April 13 1 PM—4 PM

Library Firefly Room

For Adults



Romeo and Juliet (I "Capuleti e I Montecchi) by Vincenzo Bellini. The Florentine Opera will present a program with excerpts from the opera on Sat., March 29th at 12:30 PM in the Firefly Room.

Tax Forms, Publications and Preparation Help

State and federal tax forms and publications are available in the library and AARP will provide free tax assistance for senior citizens on Tuesdays through April 15. Appointments are required. Call 471-8485 to make a reservation.

Hart Park Expansion Update



The forestry department plans to plant memorial trees later this spring. The Rotary Stage construction plans are also going forward while other park improvements require funds to be raised before construction can begin.

If you would like to contribute to the *Greening of the Park* send a check payable to the City of Wauwatosa and designate the check for the *Greening of the Park*. The funds are kept in a dedicated account.

Spring River Cleanup



The Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers will hold its Spring River Cleanup on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Last year's event was very successful and we are looking for volunteers to help with this year's event.

Registration materials are available at the parks department office in Hart Park or at the engineering department at city hall. For more information call the parks department at 479-8927.



Health Department News

For Further Information or an Appointment Call 414-479-8939



The Wauwatosa PAN Committee presents:

Improve Employee Health and Your Business

A recent Wauwatosa Worksite Wellness Program Assessment revealed that, while many of our city's employers understand the connection between employee health and fiscal success, a lack of information, limited resources, and cost concerns prohibit the initiation of wellness programs at many worksites. In response to these findings, the Wauwatosa PAN Committee developed a Worksite Wellness Toolkit, which offers simple and cost-effective information, ideas, and local resources for initiating effective health and wellness programs at your place of business. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this FREE resource, please contact Sarah Belstock at sbelstock@wauwatosa.net or 414-479-8949.



Remodeling?

Spring brings remodeling projects and questions about building codes, permits, and precautions on lead poisoning. Interior project permits may be obtained within a day or two. Projects requiring Design Review Board assessment usually take two weeks for approval. Call the building regulations department at 479-8907 for guidelines.

Using safe methods to contain lead paint dust and debris when disturbing old paint is important. Lead poisoning can cause reduced intelligence, hearing, kidney function and motor control. Children under age six are especially susceptible to being lead poisoned by small amounts of lead paint dust. Homeowner need to be aware of who is remodeling your home and what their knowledge is about lead hazards. Call 479-8939 for more information and a free copy of the EPA's "Lead In Your Home: A Parent's Reference Guide."

Parenting Classes Offered



The Wauwatosa Health Department, in partnership with The Parenting Network, is offering a 7-week training for parents. *Love and Logic*® is a nationally regarded parenting program and is effective for parents of toddlers to teens. The series starts April 8, 2008 at the Lutheran

Home, 7500 W. North Avenue, from 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM. The cost is \$45 per person/ \$55 per couple. Childcare is available for children birth to age 12 with a cost of \$35 for one child/\$45 for two children/\$55 for three or more children from the same family for all 7 weeks. Registration is required by April 4, 2008. To register contact Tom Weber at the Parenting Network, 414-671-5575 x14.

City Meeting Schedule

Common Council meetings are held monthly on the first and third Tuesday. Council Committee meetings are held monthly on the second and last Tuesday. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting times are

available at www.wauwatosa.net or by contacting the city clerk at 479-8917.



For up-to-date recycling information check Cable Channel 25.

Attention Pet Owners

Pet owners are required by ordinance to periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. A pet walker is responsible for the animal's acts on public and private property. It is unlawful for a pet to run at large and while being walked a pet must be on a leash that does not exceed 10 feet. A feces scoop must be carried and used. It is illegal to discard feces in the street, sewer, or on property other than your own. Wrap the waste well and place it in with your garbage. Please be a responsible pet owner.



Free Litter Scoops

Melting snow reveals a lot of yard debris. City ordinance requires that pet owners periodically cleanup animal excrement on their property. Stop by the health department for a FREE package of disposable litter scoops while supplies last.

Street Project Updates

Visit www.wauwatosa.net or call 414-479-8987 for city street and highway paving projects information.



Signs in City Right-of-Way

As warmer weather arrives, signs advertising rummage, garage, and estate sales, or houses for sale begin appearing throughout Wauwatosa. Signs placed in the city right-of-way are distracting to motorists. The right-of-way is the area between the street curb and lot lines and also includes boulevards. Signs placed in this area or attached to light, traffic, or telephone poles will be removed and discarded. Please help maintain a safe, beautiful, and uncluttered Wauwatosa.

Rain Gardens for Wauwatosa



Wauwatosa received two grants for a rain garden program and city property owners who install a functional rain garden that meets minimal requirements will be reimbursed up to a \$800 limit for the cost. An informational meeting on the *Rain Gardens for Wauwatosa* program is scheduled for March 27, 7:30—9:00 PM in the in the Wauwatosa Public Library's Firefly Room.

This program will help to educate Wauwatosa citizens on the reasons to install and the benefits of a rain garden and it will help to enhance neighborhoods. Homeowners and business owners will receive educational materials and technical advice on how to properly install rain gardens. More information can be found on the city website under *Hot Topics*, at the engineering department at city hall or by calling the engineering department at 479-8991.

Annual Blarney Run/Walk

The Wauwatosa Historical Society's Annual Blarney Run/Walk begins at 11:30 AM on March 15, 2008. The 3.1 mile run and 2 mile walk are open to all men, women and children. Call the Wauwatosa Historical Society at 774-8672 for more information.



Gardening Angels



The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee (www.wbc.wi.net) is committed to preserving and improving the beauty of Wauwatosa by planting and maintaining shrubs, perennial and annual beds in Wauwatosa. Volunteers are a vital part of the committee's *Gardening Angels* program. With the gardening season just around the corner now is the perfect time to become a Gardening Angel.

If you would like to work with a wonderful group of people who impact the community by creating a beautiful environment, call Marge Donegan at 414-807-5652 or by emailing wauwatosa.beautification@yahoo.com.

Fire Hydrant Flushing



Fire hydrants located on dead end water mains will be flushed beginning in April. This is done to improve water quality by moving high volumes of water through the water main. If you experience discoloration of your water, flush the water lines through a laundry tub faucet to improve the water quality.

Flickering Street Lights

To speed the repair of a flickering or burned out street light call 414-471-8423 with the location of the pole.

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